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In the Title:

Please replace the title with the following replacement title:

"DETERGENT COMPOSITION CONTAINING A PRIMARY SURFACTANT SYSTEM AND A SECONDARY SURFACTANT SYSTEM, AND A METHOD OF USING THE SAME"

In the Specification:

Please insert the following heading above page 1, line 1 of the specification: FIELD OF THE INVENTION;

Please insert the following heading between lines 7 and 8 on page 1 of the specification: BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION;

Please insert the following heading between lines 9 and 10 on page 3 of the specification: SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION;

Please insert the following heading between lines 10 and 11 on page 4 of the specification:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION;

Please insert the following heading between lines 3 and 4 on page 20 of the specification: EXAMPLES;

Please replace the paragraph from page 14, line 3 to page 15, line 2 with the following replacement paragraph:

In another embodiment of the present invention, the at least one secondary surfactant is chosen from an α -sulfomethyl ester. In a preferred embodiment, the α -sulfomethyl ester can be represented by the following chemical structure:

wherein R is an alkyl group having 10 to 16 carbon atoms, and R_1 is chosen from a methyl group and a sodium atom. More preferably, the at least one secondary surfactant is chosen from a C_{12} - C_{18} sodium methyl α -sulfomethyl ester and a C_{12} - C_{18} disodium α -sulfo fatty acid salt. Because more than one α -sulfomethyl ester may be present in the secondary surfactant system, the present invention contemplates the use of both sodium methyl α -sulfomethyl ester and the disodium α -sulfo fatty acid salt in the secondary surfactant system. Commercially available sodium α -sulfomethyl esters that may be used in accordance with the present invention include ALPHA-STEP® ML-40 and ALPHA-STEP®, both sold by Stepan Company. A mixture of sodium methyl 2-sulfolaurate and disodium 2-sulfolaurate is preferred.